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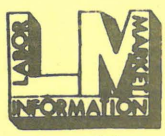
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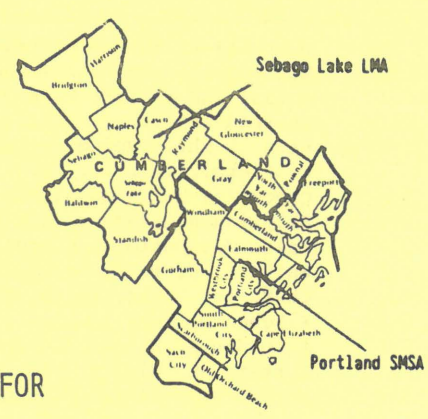
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A MONTHLY LABOR MARKET INFORMATION NEWSLETTER FOR
CUMBERLAND COUNTY

This newsletter is normally released by the end of the month following the reference month.

AREA DEFINITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMY

- I. According to recent intercensal population estimates compiled by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Cumberland County's population increased by 6.6 percent between 1970 and 1977, or from 192,528 to 205,200.
- II. The United States Department of Labor has deleted the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) from its list of eligible labor surplus areas.

OUTLOOK INFORMATION

Traditionally, nonfarm wage and salary employment in the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) has increased substantially between March and April. This increase has been primarily the result of increased activity in construction and other seasonal industries. This April, in addition to seasonal increases, employment in the machinery except, electrical and electronics industries is also expected to increase.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Area 1/	Labor Force 2/			Resident Employed			Unemployment Number			Unemployment Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Maine (in 000's) ..	476.2	472.0	451.4	440.5	435.1	419.4	35.7	36.9	32.0	7.5	7.8	7.1
Portland SMSA	85,900	85,500	80,200	81,200	80,500	75,900	4,700	5,000	4,300	5.5	5.8	5.4
Sebago Lake LMA	10,720	10,700	9,960	9,980	9,910	9,270	740	790	690	6.9	7.4	6.9

- 1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each sub-state area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from six-month moving averages of the Current Population Survey. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis.
- 2/ This month and last month figures preliminary; year-ago figures revised.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

PORTLAND SMSA

Item	Number of Workers 1/			Net Change to Current Month from		Percentage Change to Current Month from	
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	86.6	86.4	81.7	+0.2	+4.9	+0.2	+6.0
Manufacturing	17.2	17.0	16.0	+0.2	+1.2	+1.2	+7.5
Food and Kindred Products	2.2	2.1	2.2	+0.1	0.0	+4.8	0.0
Apparel and Other Finished Products	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	+0.1	0.0	+25.0
Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leather and Leather Products	3.0	3.0	2.6	0.0	+0.4	0.0	+15.4
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.4	2.1	-0.1	+0.2	-4.2	+9.5
Machinery, except Electrical	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-5.0
Electrical Machinery	1.8	1.7	1.2	+0.1	+0.6	+5.9	+50.0
Transportation Equipment	0.7	0.6	0.8	+0.1	-0.1	+16.7	-12.5
All Other Manufacturing	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	+0.1	0.0	+3.1
Nonmanufacturing	69.4	69.4	65.7	0.0	+3.7	0.0	+5.6
Contract Construction	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0	-2.9	0.0
Transportation, Communication, Electric, and Gas Services	5.1	5.2	4.9	-0.1	+0.2	-1.9	+4.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	23.0	23.2	21.9	-0.2	+1.1	-0.9	+5.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	6.9	6.8	6.7	+0.1	+0.2	+1.5	+3.0
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	17.9	17.7	16.3	+0.2	+1.6	+1.1	+9.8
Government	13.1	13.0	12.5	+0.1	+0.6	+0.8	+4.8
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	+0.1	0.0	-

- 1/ Figures in thousands. Figures for 1979 are preliminary, while 1978 figures are revised.
- 2/ Refers to persons on establishment payrolls for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes persons involved in labor-management disputes, domestics in private households, nonfarm self-employed individuals, and unpaid family members.

ACTIVE APPLICANTS AND UNFILLED JOB OPENINGS IN SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS 1/

Occupations	Job Applicants	Openings Received
Occupations in Administrative Specializations.....	47	3
Wholesale and Retail Trade Managers and Officials.....	49	1
Social and Welfare Work Occupations.....	83	18
Secretaries.....	55	8
Stenography, Typing, Filing and Related Occupations.....	216	28
Cashiers.....	69	12
Computing and Account Recording Occupations.....	124	10
Shipping and Receiving Clerks.....	85	7
Sales Occupations, Miscellaneous Commodities.....	149	5
Waiter, Waitress, and Related Food Serving Occupations.....	128	10
Chefs and Cooks, Large Hotels and Restaurants.....	103	5
Kitchen Workers.....	66	22
Attendants, Hospitals, Morgues, and Related Health Occupations.....	58	3
Porters and Cleaners.....	89	25
Motorized Vehicle and Engineering Equipment Mechanics and Repairers.....	74	13
Occupations in Assembly and Repair of Electronic Components and Accessories..	48	2
Occupations in Repair and Fabrication of Footwear.....	52	25
Construction and Maintenance Painters and Related Occupations.....	53	29
Carpenters and Related Occupations.....	150	16
Miscellaneous Construction Occupations.....	269	36
Truck Drivers, Heavy.....	62	2
Packaging Occupations.....	53	4
Packaging and Material Handling Occupations.....	339	49
Occupations in Moving and Storing Materials.....	62	3

1/ Those occupations which have 35 or more active applicants.
Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System, Table 96, (Current Month.)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)

Sex	Insured Unemployed Percent Distribution
Male.....	72.2
Female.....	27.8

Industry of Separation	
Contract Construction.....	33.6
Manufacturing.....	17.1
Retail Trade.....	17.7
Services.....	11.7
All Other.....	19.9

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Annual Planning Information

"Manpower Highlights" was not published in March, so that all available time could be dedicated to the development of a report entitled Annual Planning Information for Cumberland County for Fiscal Year 1980 (API). The API was designed largely for use by the Cumberland County Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) Prime Sponsor. Included in the API are analyses relating to the assessment of employment and training service needs within Cumberland County. Specifically, two issues are addressed within the API: (1) who are the people who are most in need of employment and training services and (2) what job opportunities are there in the local area in which an employment and training program trainee can expect to find employment.

The API has proved to be extremely valuable to a wide variety of user groups. In addition to persons with responsibilities for the development and implementation of employment and training programs, the API has also been well received by local area and State educational planners; business, labor, and other community leaders; and State and local community planners and officials.

The API can be obtained at no cost by contacting me, Michael Donahue, at the address cited above the mailing label of this newsletter.

This newsletter is published monthly for distribution to the public. If additional information is desired, contact Michael P. Donahue, Manager for Labor Market Information -- Portland District, Maine Department of Manpower Affairs, 107 Elm Street, Portland, Maine 04104; telephone (207) 775-4141.

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